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Rev. S. W. Waddelle, Route 4, Waxhaw, N. C.
Rev. R. C. McVay, Charlotte, N. C.

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Rev. S. W. Waddelle, Route 4, Waxhaw, N. C.
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Rev. J. F. Davis, Route 1, Monroe, N. C.
Rev. E. C Crowder, Route 2, Wingate, N. C.
Rev. J D. Massey, 121 E. Stonewall St., Charlotte, N. C.
Rev. J. B. Blakeney, Monroe, N. C.
Bro. D. J. Evans, Route 8, Monroe, N. C.

The next Annual Session will convene with Watts' Grove Baptist Church six miles north of Monroe, commencing Thursday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1913, introductory Sermon at 11 A. M. by Rev. J. B. Blakeney.

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PROCEEDINGS

Of the Twentieth Annual Session of the Lanes Creek Union Missionary Baptist Association, Held with the Flag Branch Baptist Church, Seven Miles East of Monroe, Union County, State of N. C., on Thursday Morning, October 24, 1912.

Promptly at 10:30 A. M. the Moderator, Rev. S. W. Waddelle, called the Association to order, Rev. A. Redfearn entered the pulpit with Rev. J. B. Bogan, selecting for choice No. 449 C. M., Rev. Redfearn read the Scripture lesson from 1st to 18th verses of the 3rd chapter of St. John. Rev. W. S. Springs led in prayer. Second hymn, No. 334 C. M. was sung. Rev. A. Redfearn arose for the Introductory Sermon. He entertained the congregation with a very rich subject, his text being the 16th verse of the chapter read, "For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Rev. J. B. Bogan closed with a few remarks and introduced for choice 411 L. M. Bro. W. M. Waddelle offered prayer, and after which a public collection was raised, the amount being $1.55. Rev. Redfearn announced the benediction.

THURSDAY.

Afternoon Session.

At 1:30 Bro. L. A. Alexander and Rev. D. R. Thomas took charge of the opening exercises. Bro. Alexander suggested that the meeting be one of prayer and songs, so he led in singing 503 C. M., and Rev. D. R. Thomas read for the evening's lesson from 1st to 10th verse of the 2nd chapter of the Acts. Rev. S. W. Waddelle offered prayer and the meeting closed with fine spirits and Christian animation, and the house was settled for business.

First, Welcome Address by Rev. G. S. Horn, pastor in charge of the church, and also Rev. D. R. Thomas, a member of this church, took part in giving the Welcome Address.

Rev. E. C. Crowder gave the Welcome Reception. At the Cross was sung by the choir.

Following is the Roll of Churches as you see during the session:

Piney Grove Church, represented	$5.30
Elizabeth, Marshville Church, represented	10.00
Heath Grove Church, represented	.50
Gordonsville Church, represented	2.40
Watts Grove Church, represented	2.10
Flag Branch Church, represented	3.60
St. Davese Church, represented	1.30
Liberty Hill Church, represented	2.10
Antioch Church, represented	11.10
Bell Mount Church, represented	1.30
Wingate Baptist Church, represented	1.50
Bethlehem Church, rrepresented	.40
Macedonia Church, represented	1.80
Union Chapel Church, represented	1.80

Roll of Delegates.

Piney Grove—Bros. A. Sturdivant and R. B. Rushing.

Elizabeth—S. C. Chambers and Calvin Marsh.

Heath's Grove—Rev. G. W. Barrino and Sister Mary Blackmon.

Gordonsville—Bros. L. S. Kelly and J. Watts.

Watts' Grove—Bros. J. C. Massey and P. R. Sowell.

Flag Branch—Bros. L. W. Thomas and P. J. Jordan.

St. Davese—Bros. Thos. Williams and M. H. Barrett.

Antioch—Bros. J. S. McVay and Daniel Bryce.

Bell Mount—Bros. D. M. Thomas and Eli Forest.

Wingate Baptist—Bros. J. V. Allen and Peter Griffin.

Bethlehem—Bro. W. S. Springs.

Macedonia—Bro. L. Kizer and Sister Mary Graham.

Union Chapel—Bros. J. Sehorn and Vance Medlin.

Second. By motion of Rev. J. D. Massey, whereas the Association failing to have a quorum for the present that the appointment of officers be discontinued until tomorrow morning, carried; and on motion for services to-night, and that the pastor and deacons would say who shall preach to-night. And after a consideration of the pastor with his deacons they reported that Rev. W. S. Springs and G. W. Barrino to preach to-night at 8:30 o'clock, carried.

Hours of services open at 9:00 A. M. and close at 4:00 P. M., and concluding a public collection of 55c., Rev. R. C. McVay announced the benediction.

THURSDAY.

Night Session.

At 8:00 P. M. Rev A. Redfearn, accompanied by Rev.

L. W. Wolfe, singing to the praises of God 267 C. M. Rev. Redfearn read Scripture lesson 1st to 8th verses of the 5th chapter of St. Matthew. Bro. J. A. Sanders led in prayer. Rev. Redfearn again, "Throw out the life line," "A charge to keep I have," were sung, and the meeting closed with warm feelings, devoted to God, and at 8:30 P. M. Rev. W. S. Springs ascended the rostrum with Rev. G. W. Barrino, selecting No. 346 S. M. and after which Rev. Springs arose for the sermon in which he preached an able one from the 5th chapter according to St. Mark, latter clause 30th verse, "Who touched my clothes?" Rev. Barrino closed by singing No. 397 S. M. Bro. J. D. Massey led in prayer, and when the Association had rendered music a public collection was taken up the amount being $1.00, and the benediction announced by Rev. R. C. McVay.

FRIDAY.

Morning Session.

At 9:00 A. M. Rev. P. H. Bailey engaged in the praise services by singing 447 C. M. and read a part of the 5th chapter of the Acts. Rev. A. Redfearn invoked God's blessings upon the works and workers of the Association. Second hymn No. 284 C. M.

The meeting was then thrown open. Those who took an active part were Bro. A. Medlin, Bro. Thos. Williams, Bro. P .R. Sowell. Then the meeting closed with a great revival.

The Moderator took his chair and called the house to order for business. First business being the approval of yesterday's proceedings. When read, received, carried.

Second business, the absent churches were again permitted to represent their letters and when read the names of delegates was carried to the roll, the following: Watts' Grove, Flag Branch, St. Davese.

Rev. J. D. Massey moved that all of the officers so far as organization is concerned to stand approved for 1913 or until their successors are elected; carried.

Third. On motion of the Association to endow the Moderator with power to appoint the following committees:

Committee on Devotion.
Committee on Finance.
Committee on Appropriation.
Committee on New Bodies.
Committee on Deceased Ministers.

Committee on Resolutions.
Committee on Obituary.
Committee on Temperance.
Committee on Time and Place.
Committee on Constitution.

Fourth. On motion of Rev. J. D. Masey that the Resolution Committee act upon both the Resolution and the Constitution; carried.

Fifth. The Committee on Devotion was asked to make their report, and when submitted through its chairman it was received.

Sixth. The Moderator asked whether or not there be any visiting brethren or corresponding messengers present? When Rev. J. D. Massey introduced Rev. W. S. Springs, of Gold Hill Association, and Rev. J. H. Witherspoon, of Yadkin Association, and when the Moderator was informed of the brethren they were asked to come forward and they received a hand of welcome and they were permitted to voice their sentiments and they made some goodly remarks. "At the Cross" was on the tongues and the brethren were invited t otake seats and to feel themselves at home.

Seventh. On motion that the Association take a recess of 10 minutes, and after which the Convention reassembled for the 11 o'clock sermon, which was preached by Rev. J. B. Blakeney from the 14th chapter of St. John, 8th verse.

Bro. R. B. McClinethan closed by singing 417 C. M.. Rev. B. J. Blackmon led in prayer. Closing hymn was sung, "Waiting and watching for me," including a public collection of $2.25. Rev. B. J. Blackmon announced the benediction.

FRIDAY.

Afternoon Session.

The congregation was called together at 1:30 P. M. Bro. S. R. Rodgers intered the altar for praise service. Bro. Peter Griffin assisting by singing No. 492 C. M. Bro. S. R. Rogers read Scripture lesson from 3rd to 10th verses of the 5th chapter of St. Matthew. Prayers were sent up for the wicked and dark places where the pupils know not God. Those who took part were Revs. E. C. Crowder, L. W. Wolfe and Bro. Isaiah Laney. The meeting was closed with a downpour of spiritual blessings.

Rev. S. W. Waddelle, the Moderator, took his seat and called the house to order for business.

First business. Representing their churches and their letters were read, the names of delegates were carried to the roll, the following: Liberty Hill, Antioch, Bell Mount, and Wingate Baptist.

The Moderator asked is there any newly constituted churches that wanted to join this branch of the Christian work? When the answer was made, one came forward and presented their letter, and when read the name of the church, Bethlehem, with its pastor and delegate.

Rev. W. S. Springs was handed down to a committee on New Bodies for its faith and orthodox on baptism .

On motion that the Executive Board remain as heretofore; carried.

The Committee on New Bodies was asked to make their report, and when the committee had submitted their report, on motion it was received, and ordered to be attached to the minutes; carried.

The Commitee on Devotion was asked to make their report, and when submitted it was received; see report.

On motion to adjourn the choir rendered a beautiful selection, concluding with a public collection, the amount being $1.15. Rev. R. C. McVay announced the benediction.

FRIDAY.

Night Session.

At 8:00 P. M. praise services were conducted by Rev. J. B. Bogan, selecting 448 C. M., and Rev. W. S. Springs read Scripture lesson the 1st Psalms, and Bro. B. Wallace and others offering prayers to God for the careless and unconcerned. The praise meeting was closed and after which Rev. L. W. Wolfe intered the pulpit with Rev. B. J. Blackmon selecting for choice 620 L. M., and Bro. J. S. McVay led in prayer; second hymn 411 sung to S. M. Rev. Wolfe arose for the sermon in which he preached a soul-stirring one from the 3rd chapter of Mal., 2nd verse. Rev. Blackmon closed with a few remarks and turned to 664 L. M. Rev. P. H. Bailey led in prayer. Music, including a public collection, the amount being $2.00, and all public collections Churches representing ---------- 28.40

With a total of ----------$49.70

Rev. B. J. Blackmon announced the benediction.

SATURDAY.

Morning Session.

October the 26, 1912, at 9:30 A. M., Rev. P. H. Bailey again uniting for praise meeting with Bro. J. S. McVay turning to 448 C. M. Rev. Bailey read 1st to 15th verses of the 3rd chapter of Matt. Bro. W. M. Waddelle led in prayer, including Rev. E. C. Crowder, lastly Bro. J. S. McVay, and the meeting was announced closed.

Rev. S. W. Waddelle took his seat and called the house to order for business.

First business. The approval of of yesterday's proceedings, and when read, on motion to be received, carried.

Absent churches again permitted to report. None present. A request from Piney Grove Baptist church asking for a donation on their church, and also Rev. E. C. Crowder asking the Association for himself sustenance for an education. On motion of Rev. J. D. Massey that the request of each of the parties to be accepted up to the present, carried, and also the Moderator requested of them that they would go before the Appropriation Committee with the request, carried.

The Committee on Devotion was asked to make their report and submitted on motion to be received, carried.

By motion that a recess of 10 minutes be taken, carried.

And after recess the congregation re-assembled. Rev. R. C McVay ascended the rostrum with Rev. E. C. Crowder selecting for choice No. 26 C. M.,Bro. J. A. Sanders offering prayer. Second hymn introduced No. 2, 7's.

Rev. McVay took the stand for the 11 o'clock sermon, in which he preached a very interesting sermon from the 19th chapter of the gospel according to St. Luke, part of the 30th verse, "Loose him, and bring hither."

Rev. E. C. Crowder closed with some timely remarks, and asked the congregation to sing hymn No. 3 S. M. Bro. Samuel Bryce offered prayer. Closing hymn sung, "Whosoever will let him come," when a public collection was raised, the amount being $4.00, and Rev. R. C. McVay announced the benediction.

SATURDAY.

Afternoon Session.

Rev. S. W. Waddelle, the Moderator, took his seat. Rev. R. C. McVay introduced No. 286 C. M. Scripture lesson

read the 16th chapter of St. John, and Bro Willis Staton led in prayer, the choir rendering music, and after which the Moderator declaring that the house was ready for business. The first business being the absent churches were again permitted to represent, and when Macedonia Baptist church presented her letter and when read the names of the delegates was carried to the roll. Also a letter from the said church above asking for help, and stating her condition. Rev. J. M. Simon, ex-pastor, was called upon to testify in the behalf of the church, he stating that the church was $58.00 in debt and it was now collectable and they were wanting that the Association would help them to secure the debt. They agreed to satisfy the Association with the church deed and there remain until the debt was settled between the church and the Association. On motion, the reading of the letter would be received and that the church would meet the Executive Committee in her meeting for further consideration, carried.

The Moderator makes inquiry whether there be any visiting brethren or corresponding messengers, when Rev. J. F. Davis introduced Rev. Dr. R. Allen, of Zions Association, and when that the Moderator having met Rev. Allen he gave him the hand of welcome and was asked to take part in the meeting; furthermore requested to say something, in which he made some feeling remarks on missions, and the delay of our race. The choir rendered another beautiful selection, "Shall there be any stars in my crown?"

The following is the pay-roll of ministers: Rev. S. W. Waddelle, $1.00; Rev. R. C. McVay, $1.00; Rev. G. S. Horn, $1.00; Rev. E. C. Crowder, $1.00; Rev. G. W. Barrino, $1.00; Rev. J. D Massey, $1.00; Rev. A. Redfearn, $1.00; Rev. P. H. Bailey, $1.00; Rev. W. M. McIntyre, $1.00; Rev. J. F. Davis, $1.00; Rev. J. B. Bogan, $1.00; Rev. B. J. Blackmon, $1.00; Rev. R. Allen, 25c.; Rev. L. W. Wolfe, $1.00; Rev. S. W. Springs, ——; Rev. S. B. Bivens, ——; Rev. D. R. Thomas, ——; Rev. J. D. Gaither, ——. Total, $13.25.

The following is the licentiates pay-roll: S. R. Rogers, 50c.; D. M. Thomas, 50c.; R. B. McClenethan, 50c.; W. M. McVay, 50c.; Charley Rogers, 50c.; W. T. Jones, 50c. Total, $6.00.

The following is the deacons pay-roll: G. W. Brown, 25c.; John Marsh, 25c.; Calvin Marsh, 25c.; Kinie Marsh, 25c.; S. Mask, 25c.; C. Marsh, 25c.; W. W. Garland, 25c.; Frank Belk, 25c.; P. R. Sowell, 25c.; S. R. Barber, 25c.;

J. W. Watts, 25c.; J. M. McMurray, 25c.; Peter Griffin, 25c.; S. S. Shannon, 25c.; J. J. Marshall, 25c.; S. K. Leak, 25c.; Jas. McVay, 25c.; J. E. Crowder, 25c.; F. W. Watts, 25c.; G. W. Timmons, 25c.; L. A. Alexander, 25c.; L. Kizer, 25c.; N. Rushing, 25c.; J. Seahorn, 25c.; W. M. Waddelle, 25c.; D. J Evans, 25c.; Daniel Bryce, 25c.; L. W. Thomas, 25c.; P. J. Jordan, 25c.; L. S. Kelley, 25c.; R. B. Alsobrooks, 25c.; T. H. McHenry, 25c.; J. C. Massey, 25c.; J. A. Sanders, 25c.; T. M. Williams, 25c.; L. C .Wadsworth, 25c.; Robt. Bivens, 25c.; Peter Knotts, 25c.; S. W. Marsh, 25c. Total, __$9.75
Combined grand total of M., L. and D. _____$29.50

Missionary Sermon October 27, 1912. On motion, that Rev. J. D. Massey preach it, accompanied by Rev. S. W. Waddelle, carried.

On motion that Rev. J. D. Massey be our fraternal delegate to Zions Association, October 16, 1913, carried.

Report on Resolutions was called for and when submitted, on motion to be received, carried.

Reports on Finance, Obituary, on Deceased Ministers, on Time and Place, On Temperance and on Home Missions, on motion, for all reports to be received and ordered to be attached to the minutes, carried. See Appendix for all reports.

On motion that the S. S. Conventional works to be attached to the Association minutes, carried.

On motion that the treasurer make his report for 1911 and when read, on motion to be received, carried. See report.

On motion that Bro. J. C. Massey be the auditor for 1913, carried. (Delegate to the State Baptist Convention by Rev. S. W. Waddelle.)

On motion for a vote of thanks be returned unto Flag Branch Baptist Church and her surrounding people for her kind treatment and hospitality, and when carried, the Moderator had the whole assembly to rise to their feet.

Motion to adjourn, and when the choir had furnished music, Rev. R. C. McVay announced the benediction.

SUNDAY.

Morning Session.

The congregation reassembled at 9:30 A. M. Rev. A. Redfearn engaged in the praise meeting, by singing No. 46 C. M. Several prayers were made for the fallen race of mortality. Rev. Redfearn closed the praise meeting by

singing "Pass me not O gentle Savior." After which the Moderator took his chair and called the house to order for business.

First business: Reading of yesterday's proceedings, and when read, on motion to be adopted, carried.

Following the lecture made by Rev. J. F. Davis on Missions and Missionary Work. He urged the brethren to be more liberal to the support of the gospel and to send the gospel to the needy, and except we do these things we cannot be truly Missionary Baptists, for Christ said unto His followers: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." The question is, how can we go except that we are sent? Brethren, let us do more missionary work in this Association. May our hands and our hearts open to the blessed will of the Master. He furthermore, made mention of the great struggle of the Baptist State Convention urging the pastors of the different churches, the moderators of the associations and the presidents of the S. S. Convention to talk up the cause of missions to the people and teach them its worth. "Where shall I be when the first trumpet sounds?." The speaker collected the amount of $3.10.

The Womans' Home Mission Work was in session for one hour. Its collection amounted to $4.10.

A public collection was taken up for Bro. L. A. Alexander, a member of the Antioch Baptist Church in Mecklenburg county, N. C. He had the misfortune to lose his barn and its contents by fire some time in October. The collection amounted to $4.50.

The Womans' Home Mission Society donated to Flag Branch Baptist Church the sum of $1.00, more or less, and after which Rev. J. D. Massey entered the pulpit with Rev. S. W. Waddelle, selecting for choice 800 L. M. Bro. John Henry offered prayer. Second hymn No. 762 C. M.

Rev. Massey arose for the Missionary Sermon, in which he proceeded to preach from the 1st chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. "But ye shall receive power, after that the holy ghost is come upon you," etc. Rev. Waddelle closed by turning to No. 507 C. M. Rev. G. W. Gaddy led in prayer. Music rendered again with a public collection to the amount of $5.13. After which one of the most enthusiastic sessions of the Association adjourned with benediction by Rev. A. Redfearn.

APPENDIX

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

We, your Committee on Temperance beg leave to submit the following report: Whereas, intemperance is the most destructive force against Christianity, be it resolved that we not only abstain from the use of all intoxicants, but that we discourage our fathers and mothers in making wine of any sort in the home, since this is the first step towards intemperance and drunkenness. Pastors, deacons and teachers of the Sunday Schools should make every effort to get the young men and young girls to sign the temperance pledge, which serves as a bulwark against intemperance.

Respectfully submitted,
COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee on Devotion, submit the following: That Rev. J. B. Blakeney will preach, accompanied by Bro. M. C. Crowder.

Respectfully submitted.
G. S. HORNE,
P. J. JORDAN,
T. M. WILLIAMS, Committee.

We, your Committee on Apportionment, do agree to the following disbursement:

For printing minutes	$20.00
For Moderator	2.50
For Vice-Moderator	1.50
For Clerk	9.00
For Assistant Clerk	2.00
For Treasurer	2.10
For Sexton	1.00
For Delegate to State Convention	7.00
For Representing at State Convention	6.50
For Flag Branch Church	7.00
For Heath Grove Church	5.00
For Macedonia Church	5.00
For J. F. Davis	1.00
For Wingate Baptist Church	5.00
For Piney Grove Church	5.00
For Foreign Missions	.50

For State Missions	.50
For Orphanage	.50
For Home Missions	.50
For Rev. A. Redfearn	1.50
For Bro. Willis Staton	1.50
For Bro. J. Gaddy	1.00
For Rev. E. C. Crowder	2.50
For Missionary Sermon	5.13
For Other Objects	4.00
Total	$99.73

REV. E. C. CROWDER,
REV. J. F. DAVIS,
BRO. PETER GRIFFIN,
BRO. C. MARSH,
BRO. JAS. McVAY, Com.

To the Lanes Creek Association:

Dear Beloved Messengers of Christ: We commend unto you Ella Jones, our sister and servant in Christ. We trust that you will use her in what you need her most for she has been very helpful to us in our Womans' Home and State Foreign Missionary work. We truly trust that the whole of Lanes Creek Association will take up this work, for we are all God's stewards and must give an account in the last day. Please publish this in your minutes that it may go before all the field.

May the God of Peace which brought again from the dead make us perfect in every good work for the truth's sake which dwelleth in us and shall be with us forever.

Finally, dear brethren, be perfect and be of good comfort; live in peace and the God of Love and Peace shall be with you always. Amen.

From the Sisters of Womens' Work Home, State and Foreign Work of Antioch Baptist Church, Ella Jones, President, Mrs. Morris McVay Vice-President, Miss Edna Barber, Secretary, Mrs. M. A. Alexander, Assistant, Mrs. Mattie McHenry, Treasurer.

I, your Treasurer, submit the following report:

Received	$46.86
Paid out for minutes	27.50
Expenses	1.30
Remaining in Treasury	$18.06

We, your Committee on New Bodies, beg leave to submit the following report: We have examined the orthodoxy of the Bethlehem Church, and also the manner in which it came. We recommend that it become a member of this body.

REV. G. W. BARINO,
REV. E. C. CROWDER,
REV. J. F. DAVIS, Committee.

Committee's report on Time and Place: The Association will meet with Watts Grove Baptist Church in 1913.

J. B. BLAKENEY,
L. W. WOLFE,
DANIEL BRYCE, Committee.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, beg leave to submit the following:

Whereas, the great love of God has caused Him to send his Son into this world to die for the sins of the world, and the elevation of mankind is the aim of the gospel and the only way to show ourselves representatives of such is to lend our endeavors toward carrying out the great mind of God, therefore be it

Resolved, That each of our churches make special efforts each Lord's Day to raise means to build up and to further the cause of Christ, consistent with the objects of our constitution. COMMITTEE.

We, your Commitee on Obituary, beg leave to make the following report:

Whereas, the Lord has seen best to take from us, the Lanes Creek Association, sister Janie Stack of Watts Grove; Sister Belle Johnson, of Gordonsville; Bro. A. J. Reap, of Flag Branch; Sister Lydia Haley, of Piney Grove; Bro. I. Marsh, of Wingate Baptist; Bro. Frank Watts, Sister Margaret Sehorn, Sister Sealey Meadows, Bro. George Marsh, of Union Chapel; Sister Lula Truesdale, of Liberty Hill; Bro. Biggers Johnson, Bro. Andy Cureton, Sister Mary Wesley, of Antioch; Sister Sally Blackmon, of Heath's Grove; Bro. I. C. Couser, of Bell Mount, therefore be it

Resolved, That we bow submissive to His will, who has power to Himself and doeth all things well at His command.

Respectfully submitted
L. W. THOMAS,
N. RUSHING,
L. S. KELLEY, Committee.

Dear Brothers: We the Ministers of the Lanes Creek Union Baptist Association assembled, it has pleased God, the head of the Church, to take from the ministerial ranks Bro. I. M. Marsh and Bro. A. J. Reep and Bro. I. C. Cousart and we mourn their absence from us. While they are gone to their long-sought rest, so dear ministers, let us press forward and hold up the blood-stained banner and take the world for Christ. Yours. REV. G. W. BARINO.

We your Committee on Finance, submit the following report:

Money raised from Churches	$45.60
Collection for the Association	17.63
Ministers and Deacons collections	25.50
Other collections	11.50
	$100.23

Respectfully submitted.

G. W. BARINO,
A. B. STURDIVANT,
J. C. MASSEY, Committee.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Moderator shall fill the chair and preserve decorum in the Association. Of him punctuality and vigilance are particularly required. He shall open and close the Association with prayer to God or call upon some brother to perform the service. He shall appoint committees with the sanction of the Association, explain questions, administer reproof and decide questions between contending claims. He may require motions to be presented in written form whenever he deems it necessary.

2. The Clerk shall enroll the names of the members, minute the proceedings of the body and discharge duties as such that belong to a Recording Secretary.

3. The members of the Association shall observe the respect to the officers and each other which becometh those who reverence that Great Being whose cause they should labor to promote. All invectives should be carefully avoided by members while speaking, and those who are not speaking should refrain from all such indecorous conduct that is calculated to throw odium on the speaker, or to interrupt his chain of thought or feeling, or in any way disturb the peace of the Association. No person may withdraw from the Association without permission of the Moderator. Let all things be done decently and in order.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Church Expenses	Orphanage	Poor	Repaired	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Education	Superannuates	Incidentals	Sexton of Church	Other Objects	Contributions	Seating of Church	Value of Property
Bell Mount	$ 40.00	$	$	$ .75	$	$	$2.00	$	$	$	$1.00	$	$3.00	$	200	$ 50.00
Heath Grove	23.65	25.50													200	500.00
Watts Grove	50.00			3.00							4.00		2.00	60.00	200	600.00
St. Davese	24.48		5.00	1.50		.05	.10	.05	.10	.05	.75	.75	.10	27.68	2.50	9 50.0
Liberty Hill															400	500.00
Elizabeth	160.00	10.00		2.37							12.42	9.00			500	2000.00
Bethlehem																500.00
Gordonsville	100.00			2.75										2.40	3.00	1200.00
Flag Branch	60.00			5.00	40.00						.50			1.50	400	700.00
Piney Grove	82.60	125.50		5.00	25.00							3.00			500	1000.00
Macedonia	40.00			1.00							.40				300	500.00
Union Chapel	40.00			.75	63.26						.60			103.61	400	600.00
Wingate Baptist	40.50	55.00		1.50											400	800.00
Antioch	152.00	86.91	2.00	2.90		1.00		1.00		1.00				111.31	400	800.00

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taken to reclaim it, and it persists in its course, shall no longer be a member of this body. And the reason in full shall be published in the Minutes.

Art. 11. All Ordained Ministers to pay $1.00 a year as an annual fee in the Asociation; Licentiates, 50c; Deacons, 25c; Members, 10c. per capita to defray the expenses of the Asociation and superannuated members.

Art. 12. This Constitution may be changed at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

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Rev. E. C. Crowder, President, Route 2, Wingate, N. C.

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The next Annual Convention will be held with the Heath's Grove Sunday School at Mineral Springs, Union County, N. C., Introductory Sermon by Rev. J. B. Bogan, on Friday before the 4th Sunday in July, 1913.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

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Sunday School Convention

PROCEEDINGS.

The Twentieth Annual Session of the Lanes Creek Union Missionary Baptist Sunday School Convention met with the Antioch Baptist Church, two miles east of Charlotte, N. C., July 26 to 28, A. D. 1912 at 10:35 A. M. Rev. E. C. Crowder, officiating President, took his seat in the altar and called the Convention to order. Sister N. C. McVay introduced first hymn No. 704 C. M. for praise service and Sister Emma Lytle read Scripture lesson 1st Psalms of David, and prayer was offered by Sister Genie Griserson. Then followed the Annual Sermon, which was ably preached by Rev. G. W. Barrino from the 1st Book of Isaiah and at the 18th verse, "Come now and let us reason together."

Bro. S. A. Bivens closed with a few remarks and selected hymn No. 489 C. M. Bro. J. S. McVay was asked to offer prayer, then the choir rendered music, including a public collection amounting to $1.57.

The President announced that the Convention would take a recess of one hour for dinner.

FRIDAY.

Afternoon Session.

At 1:35 P. M. the President in the chair and called the Convention to order by singing No. 2 C. M., Sister Ella Jones reading Scripture lesson part of the 3rd chapter of Col., and Bro. S. C. Chambers was asked to lead in prayer. Then the choir rendered music and after which the President arose and declared that the house was in order for business.

First business: The Welcome Address by the pastor and the superintendent of the Sunday School. The addresses were wisely and widely given by both pastor and superintendent. The Welcome Reception was given by Rev. J. F. Davis. Singing, "Savior, more than ilfe to me."

The next business was reading of the Constitution by Bro. J. C. Massey, and received by the Convention.

Following is the Representing Fee of the various Sunday Schools:

1.	Elizabeth Baptist Sunday School	$1.00
2.	St. Davese Baptist Sunday School	.56
3.	Piney Grove Baptist Sunday School	.80
4.	Heath's Grove Baptist Sunday School	.36
5.	Watt's Grove Baptist Sunday School	1.10
6.	Gordonsville Baptist Sunday School	.64
7.	Flag Branch Baptist Sunday School	.64
8.	Belle Mount Baptist Sunday Schoo_l	.40
9.	Wingate Baptist Sunday School	.60
10.	Liberty Hill Baptist Sunday School	.58
11.	Antioch Baptist Sunday School	1.00
12.	Bethlehem Baptist Sunday School	.40
	Total amount of representing fee	$8.04

Following is the enrollment of delegates as shown by the Sunday School letters:

Bro. W. M. McIntyre and Sister Mariah Alexander.
Bro. G. W. Barrino and Sister Rosie Shropshire.
Bro. B. C. Crawford and Sister Samie J. Waddelle.
Bro. J. W. Huntley and Sister Flossie Sturdivant.
Bro. C. D. Tomberlin and Sister Emma Hood.
Bro. D. J. Evans and Sister J. V. Williams.
Bro. T. E. C. Williams and Sister F. Medlin.
Bro. G. A. McClenathan and Sister Julia Clyburn.
Sister Dora Cuthbertson and Sister Mamie Shropshire.
Sister Mattie Sowell and Sister Rebecca Marshall.

Following the next business being the election of officers as will be seen during the sesion:

Committee on Organiation.
Commmittee on Devotion.
Committee on Finance.
Commitee on Obituary.
Committee on Appropriation.
Committee on Temperance.
Commitee on Missions.
Commitee on Resolutions.
Committee on Time and Place.

See Appendix for Committees and Reports.

An invitation was extended unto visiting brethren or corresponding messengers, when Rev. J. D. Massey introduced Rev. W. S. Springs of Genoa, N. C., a member of Gold Hill Association, and when the President having met Rev. Springs, he gave him the hand of welcome and he being requested to say something he made some feeling remarks of what he himself had seen since having arrived at this Sunday School Convention. "Your time," said he, "being precious, I beg pardon for preasing on it; but I wish to say something later." "At the Cross" was sung.

Rev. J. F. Davis requested the President that he be granted time in the Convention that he might talk on the work of missions and general education. On motion of Rev. J. D. Massey that this Convention would accept of Rev. Davis' request and that the time would be granted to-night at 8:30 o'clock.

Report on Organization was called for and when that report was read, motion to be received carried.

Report on Devotion was called for and when the committee had submitted the report, on motion it was received.

The Convention closed with a public collection of 96 cents. Rev. W. S. Springs announced the benediction.

FRIDAY.

Evening Session.

At 8:30 the congregation reassembled and after a few minutes being spent in singing, Sister Dora Cuthbertson read Scripture lesson 1st to 10th verses of the 9th chapter of St. Mark. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. S. Springs. Then the President arose and stated that the hour having arrived for the Convention to hear the speaker of the hour. Rev. J. F. Davis came forward in which he made a wonderful lecture upon the cause of Missions and Education. "At the Cross" was on the tongue of the whole Convention. Followed by an Educational Sermon which was preached by Rev. J. D. Massey, of Charlotte, N. C., his text being found in the 2nd chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke and at the 52 verse. It was an able sermon. Rev. Massey was asisted by Rev. J. F. Davis, selecting hymn No. 516 sung to C. M.. Bro. J. M. McMurray led in prayer.

Again the choir furnished music, when a public collection was taken up to the amount of $3.50. Rev. J. F. Davis announced the benediction.

SATURDAY.

Morning Session.

At 9:00 A. M. Rev. E. C. Crowder called the Convention to order. Bro. S. C. Chambers led the praise service by singing No. 157 C. M., and Scripture lesson was read by Sister M. F. Watts from 1st to 12th verse of the 1st Epistle of James. Sister N. C. McVay with others led in prayer. Singing by the choir, "Shall there be any stars in my crown?" and after which Bro. Chambers announced that the praise meeting closed, and at 9:30 A. M. the President took his chair and called the house to order for business. and on motion that the proceedings of yesterday be read, and when read on motion to be received carried.

Rev. E. C. Crowder asked if there were any newly constituted Schools seeking application with this branch of the Lanes Creek Convention. One applied for membership. Name, Bethlehem. Rev. W. S. Springs as pastor, and on motion of Rev. J. D. Massey that Rev. Springs and his delegate of the Bethlehem School go before the Committee on New Bodies for its faith and Orthodox Committee on Baptism, carried.

On motion that the Committee on Time and Place be dicontinued and left with the action of the Convention for its location, carried.

On motion of the Convention to adjourn. Rev. E. C. Crowder, President, arose and said, "We will take early dinner to-day that the Sisters of this Convention might empower their full work to the Convention," and when the choir had rendered music a public collection was taken to the amount of $1.50, and dismission until the tap of the bell.

SATURDAY.

Afternoon Session.

At 1:15 P. M. the Convention reassembled. Rev. E. C. Crowder, the President, took his chair and called the Convention to order, by offering hymn No. 2 L. M., and Sister Ella Jones, Vice-President, read Scripture lesson 23rd Psalms and Bro. Thos. Williams led in prayer. "At the Cross" was sung and after which the President declared that the house was in order for business.

First business: The absent Sunday Schools were asked to represent, when three Schools presented their letters, and when read the names of delegates were carried to the

roll. These were Antioch, Liberty Hill and Wingate Baptist Sunday Schools.

2. On motion that the President come forward with his Annual Address, and when read on motion to be received, and ordered to be attached to the minutes, carried.

3. On motion of Rev. S. W. Waddelle that the President's Address be preferred into the hands of a committee for its Christian examination, carried.

4. On motion that all reports were called for, the following: On Temperance was read; on motion to be received.

Home Mission report, received.
Treasurer's report of 1911, received.
Auditor's report of 1911, received.
New Bodies, report of 1911, received.
Annual report of 1911, received.
Appropriations, report of 1911, received.
Finance, report of 1911, received.
Devotion, report of 1911, received.
Organization, report of 1911, received.
Obituary, report of 1911, received.
Resolutions, report of 1911, received.
Annual Address of 1911, received.
See Appendix for all Reports.

Sitting of the Next Convention.

On motion that the next Annual Convention convene with Heath's Grove Baptist Church, eight miles southwest of Monroe, N. C., on Friday before the 3rd Sunday in July, 1913, carried.

On motion that we appoint an Auditor's Committee to wait upon the Treasurer of 1911, namely Sister Rosey Jones, Treasurer, and to settle the struggles between the Convention and the Treasurer, carried.

The appointment for the Auditors' meeting August 5, 1912: Rev. S. W. Waddelle, chairman; Rev. J. F. Davis, secretary.

On motion that we represent into the Baptist State Convention, the representative to be Rev. E. C. Crowder, carried.

Visiting brethren: Rev. W. S. Springs, from Gold Hill Association; Bro. John Henry, from Zion Association; Rev. J. W. W. Brewer, from the Adkins Association. Uniting of Bethlehem Sunday School, and after being received the pastor, Rev. W. S. Springs and delegates were placed be-

fore the altar, the President sang "Come ye that love the Lord," and the whole Convention following the President in giving the right hand of fellowship.

Bethlehem Sunday School fell in line by paying 40 cents, and at 2 P. M. Oration opened. See the following:

Readers and Their Subjects.

Miss R. Marshall, subject "Repentance."
Miss G. A. McClenathan, subject "Wicked Daughter."
Miss Julia Clifford, subject "Beginning of Creation."
Miss Emma Hood, subject "Pressing Need."
M. C. Alexander, subject "Book of Psalms."
Walter Alexander, "Ten Virgins."
Miss Tressia Hasty, subject "Titanic."
Henry Shropshire, Subject _____
Miss N. C. McVay, subject "Duty to the Soul."
Miss Isabella Little, subject "Power."
Miss Mattie Sowell, subject "Faith."
Miss L. Scott, subject "First Will of God."
Miss G. V. Williams, subject "Sunday Schools."
Miss Fannie Medlin, subject _____
Miss Emma Lytle, subject "Power of the Resurrection."
Miss Edna Barber, subject _____
Miss M. A. Alexander, subject "The True Vine."
Miss Rosey Shropshire, subject "Without Faith."
Miss Minnie Shropshire, subject "Power of Prayer."
Miss S. J. Waddelle, subject _____

Sunday School Address by Vice-President, Sister A. Jones, assisted by Rev. J. F. Davis, on to-morrow morning at 10 A. M.

On motion to adjourn; music by the choir; benediction by Rev. J. F. Davis.

SUNDAY. Morning Session.

At 9 A. M. the congregation reassembled. Bro. F. W. Watts led the praise service by singing No. 369 S. M., and Sister Mattie McHenry read the morning's lesson, part of the 17th chapter of St. John. Bro. S. H. Shannon led in prayer. After singing "O for a closer walk with God," Bro. Watts announced the praise meeting closed.

Rev. E. C. Crowder took his seat and called the house to order for business.

First business—The approval of yesterday's proceedings. Second. The absent Sunday Schools were called for. None.

Readers on Orations were permitted to fall in ranks with their essays:

T. E. C. Williams, subject "Four and Twenty Elders."
Miss A. Hasty, subject "Man Sick of the Palsy."
Miss Flossie Sturdivant, subject "Slander."
Miss B. Simmons, subject, "Vanity of Life."

At 10 A. M. the choir furnished music, following the Sunday School Address given by Mrs. Ella Jones, of Charlotte, N. C., with a full devoted heart in the work of Missions. Rev. Davis assisted, and enjoined the Convention that it to make Sister Ella Jones a traveling missionary for the Field. Music. The Convestion took a recess of 10 minutes.

The Convention reassembled with Rev. E. C. Crowder selecting for choice hymn No. 503 S. M. When the Convention acepted of a donation for Rev. J. B. Blakeney, ex-President. Amount raised $5.02. Prayer by Bro. John Henry. Singing. After which Rev. S. W. Waddelle arose for the Missionary Sermon, and it was ably preached from the 4th chapter of Deut., 5th verse. Rev. Crowder closed by using hymn No. 3 C. M., and Bro. P. H. Bailey led in prayer. Another beautiful selection was sung, with public collection of $5.00, and turned into the treasury.

July the 28th, 1912, 27 cents.

Lastly a well prepared hymn was sung and the congregation then engaged in the parting hands. Then Rev. E. C. announced the benediction.

MONROE, N. C., August 5. 1912.

The Board of Managers of the Lanes Creek Union Convention met in executive session. After prayer and singing the chairman arose and stated the object of the meeting, and the following business was transacted:

On motion, we hear the report of the Secretary of the Finance Committee of 1911.

The Treasurer's report was found to be $44.29 × .27 = $44.56 in the treasury.

On motion, we accept the report of the Treasurer.

On motion, we represent ten schools in the State Convention and five dollars to the delegate.

On motion, that we ask the schools to send three cents more than that mentioned in the constitution, so as to be able to meet the current expenses of the Convention.

Total disbursements $41.20, leaving in treasury $3.36.

Rev. S. W. Waddelle, J. D. Massey, J. F. Davis, E. C. Crowder, G. W. Barrino, Bro. S. C. Chambers, D. J. Evans, Sister Emma Lytle, Ella Jones, Committee.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL TABLE.

SCHOOLS, SUPERNTENDENTS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.	Months Open	No. of Scholars	Representing Fee	Teachers & Officers	Copies of Literaturs	A. M. P. Society	Home Missions	State Missions	S. S. Expense	Deceased	Baptist State S. S. C.	Other Objects	Contributions
Elizabeth—S. C. Chambers, Marshville, N. C.	9	62	$ .50	7	68	$	$	$1.38	$8.75		$	$	$
Antioch—W. M. McIntyre, Charlotte, N. C.	12	50	1.00	6	80								
Belle Mount—R. B. Cuthbertson, Route 4, Monroe, N. C	4	20	.40	5	60			1.15					
St. Davese—W. M. Neals, Wingate, N. C.	6	28	3.60	6	41		1.00						
Flag Branch—P. J. Jordan, Monroe, N. C.	5	20	.60	9	109		.44	.44	2.80	2			
Gordonsville—W. J. Johnson, Matthews, N. C.		32							2.87				
Heath's Grove—G. W. Barrino, Mineral Springs, N. C.	6	13	.36	5	50				4.00				
Wingate Baptist—J. E. Allen, Wingate, N. C.		30	.60	4	36				4.00				
Watt's Grove—J. C. Massey, Monroe, N. C.		30	1.00	6	30				7.00				
Piney Grove—J. W. Huntley, Monroe, N. C.	12	35	.80	4	65	3.00					.80	4.00	8.60
Liberty Hill—. W. Watts, Matthews, N. C.	12	19	.56	10									
Bethlehem—													

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. The name of this body shall be the Lanes Creek and Union Missionary Baptist Sunday School Convention.

Art. 2. That the object of this Convention shall be to establish and improve Baptist Sunday Schools of Lanes Creek Association, to awaken a general interest in the religious education of both old and young and to improve the literary training of the youing men and women.

Art. 3. This Convention shall be composed of regular Baptist Sunday Schools in the bounds of Lanes Creek Association and full practice of the faith; also ministers beelected anually by the Sunday Schools of this body.

Art. 4. The officers of this Convention shall be President, Vice-President, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, Treasurer, Auditor, and Board of Managers. No one shall be an officer of this Convention unless they be present at their election, a member in good standing in some Missionary Baptist Church. No one shall be delegated to this Convention who is not a member of a Missionary Baptist Sunday School.

Art. 5. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Convention, to decide points of order, and perform such other duties as usually belong to a presiding officer.

Art. 6. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary of this Convention to record the proceedings of the Convention while in session and prepare intelligently for the press and perform all the duties that are required of a Secretary.

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary of this Convention to correspond with the Schools of this Convention, and report to the Convention.

Art. 8. The Treasurer shall hold all monies belonging to this Convention, and shall give bond to the full security of the Conventional property in his hand. He shall pay all orders on the Treasurer, signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Board of Managers.

Art. 9. The Auditor shall before each annual meeting examine carefully the receipts, disbursements, vouchers, papers and books of the Treasurer, and his certificate to the facts in the case shall be attached to the Treasurer's report.

Art. 10. The Board of Managers shall have full power

to carry out the objects of the Convention, dispel and employ missionaries and appoint them their fields of labor, and arrange programme for the Convention; they shall fix the bond of the Treasurer and see that it is given.

Art. 11. Each Sunday School belonging to the Convention shall contribute annually to the same two cents per scholar and be allowed to represent by any number of messengers not exceeding three; new schools may be represented upon the same terms.

Art. 12. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a voice of two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The President shall take the chair each session at the hour appointed at the adjournment and open by singing, reading and prayer, or call on some one.

2. He shall preserve order and decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Convention by any member.

3. He shall rise from his seat to put a question, but may state it sitting. He shall have the right to call any brother to perform the duties temporarily.

4. The President shall vote only in case of a tie, and if he refuses to vote in a tie the matter shall be decided in the negative.

5. He shall not speak in debate while occupying the chair, but may call another brother to the chair, and he shall then have the same right in debate as any other member.

6. When any member wishes to speak or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall shall first rise from his seat and address the chair.

7. When two brothers rise at the same time the President shall name the one to speak.

8. No member shall speak twice on the same subject until all who wish to speak have spoken.

9. Decency of speech shall be observed and personal reflections avoided.

10. While the chair is putting a question or any brother speaking, no one shall be allowed to walk across the house or whisper or otherwise interrupt him.

11. When a question is under debat,e no motion shall be received, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone or amend.

12. All committees shall be appointed in time to do their duty.

13. All committees shall be composed of three members, if not otherwise ordered.

14. No standing rule shall be altered or amended except by a two-thirds vote of the Convention.

15. The rules of decorum shall be read in the opening of each anual session of the Convention, and as many times during the session as may be deemed practicable.

16. No one shall be allowed to intrude on the time by long debate in the Convention.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Ladies and Gentlemen:—We greet you most happil upon the return of another Annual Sitting, being the twentieth session, and the call together of the delegation of this noble and youthful Convention in its Annual Session is indeed suggestive of many noble ideas. First as to the help and noble aim of the Convention itself, that it to prepare the men and women and boys and girls coming into its fold for the duties and obligations of life. Yes, life; this is all of it, it is all that any man or woman has; it is all that God has really given any one. All else is as a garment thrown about it for comfort and for happiness, and he who does the most in a noble-hearted way in throwing this garment of helpfulness upon the shoulders of humanity does the most to please God.

Second suggestion: That we must have men as leaders who have ability to measure up with all the aims and objects of the work before them.

Third: The kind of men needed. Good men and honest men and men of business; truthful men and men that will keep the Golden Rule and do as they would be done by; men of virtue and the Christian religion, and who will not bring up excuses in the place of an honest discharge of duty. These men must keep the laws of the land and assist in building up moral, religious and industrial towns of the community where they live. The gathering of a Convention is like that of a State: The best are generally chosen, those who have done something at home. This This country is full of bold and active achievements for the good of the people that took their start in some annual gathering of the nation. Shall ours be an exception? No. But let our brothers and sisters and their children yet unborn praise us and shout aloud for joy in honor of the work done in these annual gatherings of the Convention.

Shall they do it? And will God be pleased with our work? If so, it will stand, if not it will topple and fall. How awful-

We are living in a very great time. Kings and people desired it long, but did without the sight. Differences beween the nations to the exend of war and bloodshed will soon b ea hing of he past. So mighty are these motive powers in the hand of God for good. Several weeks are no longer ncessary for the news of bleeding Boston to reach he City of Charlotte. But the touching of a wire or the speaking of a 'phone suffice it. The three thousand miles spread of the mighty Atlantic, once considered a den of demons or a bottomless hell, has in these days of Christian sobriety, thought and progress become a highway of only a few days' travel of profoundest pleasure unmolested by fear.

Do you see the great mission of the Convention, with the Church of Christ in the lead. But suppose we stop nearer home and call your attention to the united efforts and attainments of men of thought. See the railroads with their thousands all working and acting for the good of one common whole here. Thought, action and purpose have woven a cord too strong to be successfully resisted by a divided and purposeless energy.

The hum of countless wheels in the factories and other machine about us, and men with skillful hands and learned are handling these works of art as a boy handles his toys. Do you not see a divine mission delegated by God to us trough our annual session to raise the nation to a higher plane of Christian usefulness?

Next on finance. No institution can live whose financial income is less than the expenses. This is a hint to the wise.

Probably we have done well in obtaining the services of Sister Rosa Jones as treasurer, and would be pleased to have her services continued, but we have made a serious mistake in that we have allowed the treasurer to go unbonded. We shall be sorry for this some day, for we have no more right to require a bond of any other person who may chance to come to that office than we did of her. So you see we are near an awful tear up.

To bring about the best results for success confidence in each other and especially of its leaders. I am afraid as a whole we lack confidence, which may tell its awful story some day. But we hope and pray for the best.

In closing this address allow me to again to thank you for the confidence you have for six years confided in me as President, but I think this is my last round. Having made my resignation to the work, I hope it will be accepted.

May God bless you in the work.

Your humble servant,

E. C. CROWDER, Route 2, Box 23, Wingate, N. C.

REPORTS OF 1912.

We, your Committee, beg leave to report that Rev. E. C. Crowder remain President; also Sister E. L. Jones remain Vice-President; and also Bro. D. J. Evans Secretary; also Bro. J. C. Massey, Corresponding Secretary; also Sister Rosa Jones, Treasurer. Board of Managers: Rev. S. W. Waddelle, Bro. S. C. Chambers, Rev. J. F. Davis, Bro. T. M. Williams, Sister Emma Lytle, Sister Ella Jones, Sister Fannie Marshall; Bro. J. C. Massey, Auditor.

REV. S. W. WADDELLE.
BRO. S. C. CHAMBERS.
REV. J. F. DAVIS.
BRO. T. M. WILLIAMS.
REV. R. C. McVAY.

We, your Committee on Missions, beg leave to submit the following: The Lord has bequeathed unto us the Gospel, which is light, life, and immortality to the soul. Its agency is to more than restore Adam's family to its original state for through it we become heirs and joint heirs with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The success of this work is entirely dependent upon missions, for our Lord said unto us, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." Therefore we believe the only way to be a conclusive Christian is to be a missionary. Therefore, we recommend:

1. That this Convention pledge itself to raise a certain amount for each object mentioned in the constitution.

2. That the Corresponding Secretary correspond with each school and keep these objects before them, after that the Board of Managers has proportioned out the amount expected of each school.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. J. F. DAVIS,
REV. J. D. MASSEY,
SISTER NARCISSUS McVAY,

We, your Committee on New Schools, beg leave to submit the following report: That we examined the Bethlehem Sunday School and messengers and find them to be O. K. Yours respectfully submitted,

REV. G. W. BARRINO, Chm.,
REV. S. A. BIVENS,
BRO. J. C. MASSEY, Com.

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to submit the following: Temperance is a very high grace. It is the third in the progress mentioned by the Apostle Paul. Temperance means moderation or the equilibrium, equally balanced. The Scripture teaches us to be temperate in all things. We believe that over-abundant bodily exercise not in accordance with the Scripture, and ought to be condemned as much as anything. The Lord said, "Use not vain repetition as the heathens," and also that we should not take the name of the Lord in vain. And that he that adds to what has been said in the book, the plagues spoken of in the book, shall be added to him. Therefore it behooves us to be more studious in the word of God, and adjust our serveices acordingly. We should be temperate in all our relations to mankind and our God, especially those things that makes it unpleasant for our associates. Such as the intemperate use of intoxicants and narcotics, forcing the poisonous gases in the nostrils of those whose tender senses cries to be delivered. Intemperance along all lines is destroying more souls and bodies thas all the other agencies combined.

Respectfully,
DORA CUTHBERTSON,
MARY WATTS,
J. F. DAVIS, Committee.

I, your Treasurer, submit the following report:

Brought over from 1911	$44.29
Disbursement	38.56
Added July 27, 1912	.27
Remain	$ 5.46

Yours in Christ,
ROSEY JONES, Treasurer.

We, your Committee on the President's Annual Address, beg leave to submit the following: The address being so full of thought and practical judgment and wise counsel to the brethren we recommend that the entire address be published in the minutes of this Convention.

Respectfully submitted
REV. J. D. MASSEY,
REV. J. F. DAVIS,
MISS ROSA SHROPSHIRE,

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to make report:

Money raised from Schools	$ .70
By public collections	7.53
Total	$14.27

We, your Committee on Appropriations, beg leave to make the following report:

On minutes	$10.00
President	2.00
Vice President	1.50
Recording Secretary	7.00
Corresponding Secretary	2.00
Corresponding Secretary	2.00
Treasurer	1.80
For getting up program	6.00
Paper	.15
To Baptist State Convention	3.50
Introductory Sermon	2.00
Educational Sermon	2.00
Missionary Sermon	4.00
Financial Committee	3.00
Appropriation Committee	2.50
Sexton	.60
Total amount	$48.05